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Annual Reports

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

New Hampshire

**For the Year Ending
Dec. 31, 1955**

ANNUAL REPORTS

— OF THE —

**Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer,
Road Agents, School Board
and Other Officials**

— OF THE —

Town of Bridgewater

— FOR THE —

Year Ending December 31, 1955

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TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk

ELIZABETH P. POLLARD

Selectmen

ORA P. MORRILL
LESTER H. GALE
HOLLIS L. POLLARD

Treasurer

CLAIRE MELLUS

Tax Collector

EDWARD G. MELLUS

Road Agent

JOHN L. JENNESS

Fire Warden

HOLLIS L. POLLARD

Police Officer

DELMORE BUCKLIN

Supervisors

ELMER WISER JANE COOK
ROBERT E. ERICKSON

Trustees of Trust Funds

FRANCIS CLEMENT HARRY SMITH
JOSEPHINE FLETCHER

Library Trustees

GERTRUDE BUCKLIN ALICE B. DICKINSON
ELIZABETH TORSEY

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Grange Hall in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Selectman for three (3) years, and all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. Polls open to six p. m.

2. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for General Government for the ensuing year.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$351.97 for T. R. A., providing the State contributes \$2,346.45.

4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (Dirt Roads).

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of Class V Highways (Black Top Roads).

6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to maintain the Town Dump.

7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Sand and Snow Removal.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$115.00 for Workman's Compensation Insurance.

9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Regional Associations.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 for Old Age Assistance.

11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Home Day.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15.00 for Memorial Day.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275.00 for Interest on Temporary Loans.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Fire Protection.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the aid of the Plymouth Hospital.

16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and to deliver inventory blanks when assessing.

17. To transact any further business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and Fifty Six.

ORA P. MORRILL

LESTER H. GALE

HOLLIS L. POLLARD

Selectmen of Bridgewater

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ORA P. MORRILL

LESTER H. GALE

HOLLIS L. POLLARD

Selectmen of Bridgewater

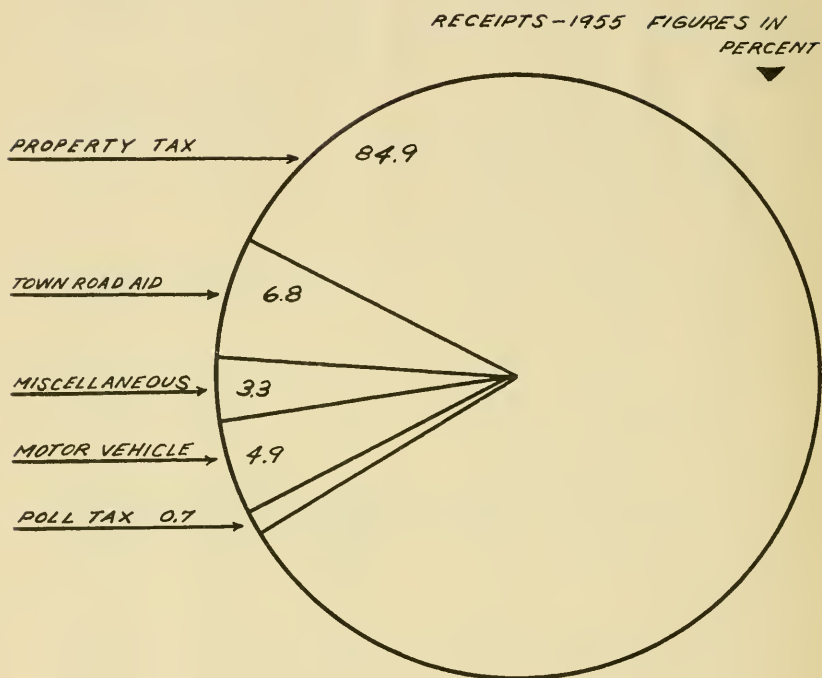
BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER NEW HAMPSHIRE

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

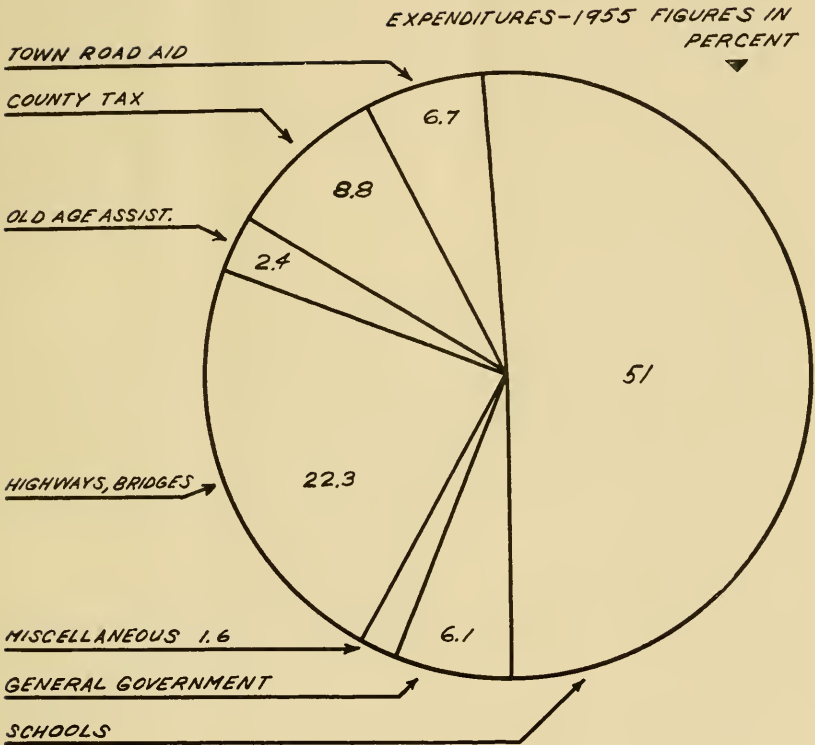
SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1955	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1955	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1956
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$60.00	\$60.64	\$60.00
Railroad Tax	.10	.10	.10
Savings Bank Tax	65.00	69.16	65.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	75.00	115.60	75.00
Interest received on Taxes and Deposits	150.00	144.75	150.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,300.00	1,709.03	1,200.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	250.00	266.00	260.00
(b) National Bk. Stock Taxes		10.00	
Total Revenues from All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	1,900.10	2,375.28	
Total Revenues			\$1,810.10
Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes			26,876.18

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1955	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1955	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1956
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:	\$1,900.00		
Town Officers' Salaries		\$1,146.52	\$1,150.00
Town Officers' Expenses		785.33	770.00
Election and Registration Expenses		101.50	230.00
Auto Permit Fees		107.00	100.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.		24.00	24.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Fire Department		188.68	100.00
Insurance		113.24	115.00
Health:			
Vital Statistics		9.00	9.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	100.00	277.30	200.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	4,500.00	4,402.87	4,500.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,500.00	3,098.64	2,000.00
Town Road Aid	351.09	571.11	351.97
Libraries	100.00	100.00	100.00
Public Welfare:			
Old Age Assistance	650.00	849.05	650.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Veterans' Assoc.	15.00	15.00	15.00
Unclassified:			
Advertising & Regional Assocs.	75.00	75.00	75.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	300.00	278.05	275.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	3,109.93	3,109.93	3,109.93
School Taxes	17,946.33	17,946.33	14,911.38
Total Expenditures	<u>\$31,547.35</u>	<u>\$33,198.55</u>	<u>\$28,686.28</u>

Where the Money Came From. . .



. . . And How It Was Spent



SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Amount
Town Hall	\$1,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	80.00
Libraries and Equipment	300.00
Fire Department	800.00
Highway Department	3,000.00
Schools, Land, Buildings and Equipment	3,200.00
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	\$8,500.00

Certificate

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from the official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORA P. MORRILL

LESTER H. GALE

HOLLIS L. POLLARD

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

OF INVENTORY

Land and Buildings	\$1,026,035.00
3 Electric Plants	74,649.00
14 Horses, Asses and Mules	535.00
5 Sheep	50.00
9 Neat Stock	430.00
57 Cows	3,515.00
3 Portable Mills	5,700.00
2 Gasoline Pumps	300.00
Mills and Machinery	2,400.00
Stock in Trade	17,400.00
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Total Gross Valuation	\$1,131,014.00
23 Less Soldiers Exemptions	20,250.00
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Net valuation	\$1,110,764.00
Taxes committed to Collector	\$29,324.09
Tax Rate	\$2.64

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION**

Concord, New Hampshire

January 16, 1956

Board of Selectmen
Bridgewater, New Hampshire

Gentlemen :

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Bridgewater for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1955, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets—December 31, 1954-

December 31, 1955: (Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein the Net Debt decreased by \$627.27 in 1955.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition:

(Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Decreases in Net Debt

Budget Surplus	\$645.71	
1953 Head Tax Penalty Collected	.50	
Underpayment to State on 1954 Head Taxes	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$661.21

Increases in Net Debt

Decrease in Cash in Hands of		
Officials	\$23.94	
1953 Head Taxes Abated	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 33.94
Net Decrease		<hr/> \$627.27

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues:

(Exhibits A-3 & A-4)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1955, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a revenue surplus of \$1,894.02, less a net overdraft of appropriations of \$1,248.31, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$645.71.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures:

(Exhibit B-1)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1955, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1955, is indicated in Exhibit B-2.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds, were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks

GENERAL COMMENTS

Conclusion:

The provisions of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1955, require that this report or the summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Bridgewater for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director

Division of Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

Norval D. Lessels, Auditor

Robert L. Curtis, Accountant

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Bridgewater for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1955. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town as of December 31, 1955, together with the results of operations for the period under review.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director

Division of Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

Norval D. Lessels, Auditor

Robert L. Curtis, Accountant

EXHIBITS:

Financial Information:

- A-1—Comparative Balance Sheets—December 31, 1954 and 1955
- A-2—Analysis of Change in Financial Condition
- A-3—Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
- A-4—Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and Budget Summary

Town Treasurer:

- B-1—Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
- B-2—Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and Proof of Treasurer's Balance

Tax Collector:

- C-1—Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1955
- C-2—Summary of Warrants—Levies of Prior Years
- C-3—Summary of Tax Sale Accounts
- C-4—Summary of State Head Tax Warrants—Levies of 1955, 1954, 1953 and 1952

Town Clerk:

- D —Summary of Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle Permit and Dog License Accounts

Trust Funds:

- E —Summary of Trust Fund Principal, Income and Investments

Surety Bonds:

- F —Town Officers' Surety Bonds

EXHIBIT A-1
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
Comparative Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 1954 and December 31, 1955

ASSETS

	December 31, 1954	December 31, 1955
Cash:		
In Hands of Treas.	\$2,951.21	\$2,669.88
In Hands of Officials, Town Clerk	24.96	1.02
	<u>\$2,976.17</u>	<u>\$2,670.90</u>
Due from State of New Hampshire:		
Interest & Dividends		
Tax	\$ 69.43	
Bounties	139.75	\$24.75
Reimbursement a/c Ex- emption of Growing Wood & Timber	41.94	
	<u>251.12</u>	<u>24.75</u>
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1955		\$5,603.34
Levy of 1954	\$5,015.96	260.90
Levies of Prior Years	820.93	477.33
	<u>5,836.89</u>	<u>6,341.57</u>
Yield Taxes:		
Levy of 1955		1,561.30
Levy of 1954	352.48	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1953	82.70	0.00
Uncollected State Head Taxes:		
Levy of 1955		\$225.00
Levy of 1954	\$240.00	45.00
Levies of Prior Years	60.00	45.00
	<u>300.00</u>	<u>315.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 9,799.36</u>	<u>\$10,913.52</u>
Net Debt	<u>1,204.32</u>	<u>577.05</u>
Total Assets and Net Debt	<u>\$11,003.68</u>	<u>\$11,490.57</u>

LIABILITIES

	December 31, 1954	December 31, 1955
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations:		
Fire Department	\$305.95	\$120.09
Town Dump	119.00	
Insurance	138.93	
Water Hole	300.00	300.00
	<u>\$863.88</u>	<u>\$420.09</u>
Yield Tax Deposit—1955 a/c	39.16	39.16
Due State of New Hampshire:		
Collected—Not Remitted—		
Head Taxes	\$ 10.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes	240.00	\$225.00
Head Taxes Remitted		
—Not Collected	<u>250.00</u>	<u>(40.00)</u>
		185.00
Due School District:		
Balance of Appropriation	9,850.64	10,846.32
Total Liabilities	\$11,003.68	\$11,490.57
Surplus	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$11,003.68	\$11,490.57

EXHIBIT A-2

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Net Debt—December 31, 1954	\$1,204.32	
Net Debt—December 31, 1955	577.05	
Decrease in Net Debt	<u>627.27</u>	\$627.27

Analysis of Change

Decreases in Net Debt:

Budget Surplus	\$645.71	
1953 Head Tax Penalty Collected	.50	
Underpayment to State on 1954		
Head Taxes	15.00	
	<u>661.21</u>	\$661.21

Increases in Net Debt:

Decrease in Cash in Hands of Officials	\$ 23.94	
1953 Head Taxes Abated	10.00	
	<u>33.94</u>	
Net Decrease		\$627.27

EXHIBIT A-3 TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

	Forwarded From 1954	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended	Overdraft	Assets	Liabilities
					\$1,146.52				
Town Officers' Salaries		\$1,900.00		\$1,987.40	107.00		\$185.95		
Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle Fees			\$87.40		794.33				
Town Officers' Expenses					101.50				
Election & Registration Exp.					24.00				
Town Hall & Other Bldgs.					188.68				
Fire Dept., Incl. Forest Fires	\$305.95	100.00	2.82	308.77	277.30		58.30		\$120.09
Town Dump	119.00	351.09		219.00	2,691.67				
Town Road Aid		7,000.00	2,340.58	2,691.67	7,845.33		845.33		
Town Maintenance				7,000.00	113.24	\$25.69			
Insurance	138.93			138.93	100.00				
Libraries		100.00		100.00	100.00				
Old Age Assistance		650.00		650.00	849.05		199.05		
Memorial Day & Celebrations		15.00		15.00	15.00				
Advertising & Regional Assns.		75.00		75.00	75.00				
Interest		300.00		300.00	278.05	21.95			
County Tax		3,109.93		3,109.93	3,109.93				

	Forwarded From 1954	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Balances		Forwarded to 1956
					Expended	Overdraft	
School District:							
1954-55 Appropriation	9,850.64			9,850.64	9,850.64		
1955-56 Appropriation		17,946.33		17,946.33	7,100.01		
Overlay—Abatements, Refunds		107.30		107.30	114.62	7.32	10,846.32
Yield Tax Deposits	39.16			39.16			39.16
Water Hole	300.00			300.00			300.00
Temporary Loans			43,000.00	43,000.00	43,000.00		
Yield Taxes			41.94	41.94	41.94		
Bounties					13.00		
Totals	\$10,753.68	\$31,654.65	\$45,472.74	\$87,881.07	\$77,836.81	\$47.64	\$1,295.95
							\$13.00
							\$11,305.57

EXHIBIT A-4 — TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and Budget Summary Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

SOURCE	REVENUES			
	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Deficit
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 60.64	\$ 60.64	\$	\$
Railroad Tax	.10	.10		
Savings Bank Tax	65.00	69.16	4.16	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	514.54	*1,519.36	1,004.82	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,300.00	1,709.03	409.03	
Dog Licenses	100.00	115.60	15.60	
Interest on Taxes	100.00	144.75	44.75	
Rent of Equipment		243.00	243.00	
Refunds		8.51	8.51	
Added Taxes		2.64	2.64	
Filing Fees		12.00	12.00	
Head Tax Commissions		63.79	63.79	
Taxes Committed in Excess of Budgetary Requirements		85.72	85.72	
* Yield Taxes Assessed	\$2,140.28	\$4,034.30	\$1,894.02	\$ 0.00
Less: Amount Paid to State A/c	\$1,561.30			
Previous Reimbursements	41.94			
				\$1,519.36

EXHIBIT A-4 (Continued)

REVENUES		
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Budget Summary		
Actual Revenues		\$4,034.30
Estimated Revenues		2,140.28
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Revenue Surplus		\$1,894.02
Overdrafts of Appropriations		\$1,295.95
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations		47.64
		<hr/>
Net Overdraft of Appropriations		1,248.31
		<hr/>
Net Budget Surplus		\$645.71

EXHIBIT B-1

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Receipts

From Local Taxes:

Current Levy:

Property Taxes	\$23,749.67	
Poll Taxes	182.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00	
Head Taxes	600.00	
	<hr/>	\$24,541.67

Prior Years:

Property Taxes	\$ 5,017.28	
Poll Taxes	72.00	
Yield Taxes	351.18	
Head Taxes	185.00	
	<hr/>	5,625.46
Interest on Taxes		144.75
Head Tax Penalties		18.00
Tax Sales Redeemed		82.70
		<hr/>
		\$30,412.58

From State of New Hampshire:

Interest & Dividends Tax:

1954 Distribution	\$ 69.43	
1955 Distribution	60.64	
Savings Bank Tax	69.16	
Railroad Tax	.10	
Reimbursement a/c Growing Wood & Timber	41.94	
Bounties	128.00	
Forest Fire Meeting	2.82	
Town Road Aid	2,340.58	
Rent of Equipment	68.00	
	<hr/>	2,780.67

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	\$ 115.60	
Filing Fees	12.00	
Income from Departments	175.00	
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,709.03	
	<hr/>	2,011.63

EXHIBIT B-1 (Continued)

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans	\$43,000.00	
Refunds	95.91	
	<hr/>	\$43,095.91
Total Receipts From All Sources		\$78,300.79
Balance—December 31, 1954		2,951.21
		<hr/>
Grand Total		\$81,252.00

Expenditures

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,146.52	
Town Officers' Expenses	785.33	
Election & Registration	101.50	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	24.00	
Auto Permit Fees	107.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,164.35

Protection of Persons & Property:

Fire Department	\$ 188.68	
Bounties	13.00	
Insurance	113.24	
	<hr/>	314.92

Health:

Vital Statistics	\$ 9.00	
Town Dump	277.30	
	<hr/>	286.30

Highways & Bridges:

Town Road Aid	\$ 2,691.67	
Town Maintenance:		
Summer	\$4,402.87	
Winter	3,098.64	
Point Road Project	220.02	
Withholding Taxes	123.80	
	<hr/>	7,845.33
		<hr/>
		10,537.00
Libraries		\$ 100.00

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	849.05
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Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day & Other Celebrations	15.00
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EXHIBIT B-1 (Continued)

Unclassified:

Advertising & Regional Associations	\$	75.00	
Refunds		46.22	
Timber Tax Reimbursement—State of New Hampshire		41.94	
		<u> </u>	163.16

Interest:

Payments on Temporary Loans			278.05
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Indebtedness:

Payments on Temporary Loans			43,000.00
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Payments to Other Government Divisions:

State Head Taxes & Penalties

Paid to State Treasurer:

1955 Levy	\$	576.00	
1954 Levy		237.71	
		<u> </u>	\$ 813.71
County Taxes			3,109.93

School District:

1955-1956 Appropriation	\$7,100.01		
1954-1955 Appropriation	9,850.64		
	<u> </u>	16,950.65	
		<u> </u>	20,874.29

Total Expenditures For All Purposes	\$78,582.12
Balance—December 31, 1955	2,669.88
	<u> </u>
Grand Total	\$81,252.00

EXHIBIT B-2
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and
Proof of Treasurer's Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Balance—December 31, 1954	\$ 2,951.21		
Receipts During Year	78,300.79		
	<hr/>	\$81,252.00	
Expenditures During Year		78,582.12	
Balance—December 31, 1955		<hr/>	\$2,669.88
Proof of Balance			
Balance in The First National Bank of Bristol—as per Statement Dated December 27, 1955	\$ 2,847.17		
Add: Deposit Not Credited— January 6, 1956	2,766.81		
	<hr/>	\$ 5,613.98	
Less: Outstanding Checks		2,944.10	
		<hr/>	
Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1955			\$2,669.88

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1955
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Debits			
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	\$29,324.09		
Poll Taxes	266.00		
Yield Taxes	1,561.30		
	<hr/>		\$31,151.39
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes			2.64
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			\$31,154.03
Credits			
Remittances to Treasurer:			
A/c Property Taxes	\$23,749.67		
A/c Poll Taxes	182.00		
	<hr/>		\$23,931.67
Abatements Allowed:			
Property Taxes	\$ 45.72		
Poll Taxes	12.00		
	<hr/>		57.72
Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1955:			
Property Taxes	\$ 5,531.34		
Poll Taxes	72.00		
Yield Taxes	1,561.30		
	<hr/>		7,164.64
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			\$31,154.03

EXHIBIT C-2**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER****Summary of Warrants—Levies of Prior Years****Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955**

	Levies of:			
	1954	1953	1952	1951
Debits				
Uncollected Taxes				
Dec. 31, 1954:				
Property Taxes	\$4,923.96	\$ 98.00	\$	\$
Poll Taxes	92.00	10.00	4.00	
Yield Taxes		354.97	224.78	129.18
Taxes Committed to Collector:				
Yield Taxes	352.48			
Interest Collected	134.65	7.80		
	<u>\$5,503.09</u>	<u>\$470.77</u>	<u>\$228.78</u>	<u>\$129.18</u>
Credits				
Remittances to Treasurer:				
A/c Property Taxes	\$4,919.28	\$ 98.00	\$	\$
A/c Poll Taxes	72.00			
A/c Yield Taxes	105.58	23.52	222.08	
A/c Interest	134.65	7.80		
Abatements Allowed:				
Property Taxes	4.68			
Poll Taxes	6.00			
Uncollected Taxes				
Dec. 31, 1955:				
Poll Taxes	14.00	10.00	4.00	
Yield Taxes	246.90	331.45	2.70	129.18
	<u>\$5,503.09</u>	<u>\$470.77</u>	<u>\$228.78</u>	<u>\$129.18</u>

EXHIBIT C-3
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
Summary of Tax Sale Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

	Levy of 1953
Debits	
Unredeemed Taxes—December 31, 1954	\$82.70
Interest After Sale	2.30
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	\$85.00
Credits	
Remittances to Treasurer:	
A/c Redemptions	\$82.70
A/c Interest	2.30
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	\$85.00

EXHIBIT C-4
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
Summary of State Head Tax Warrants—
Levies of 1955, 1954, 1953 and 1952
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

	Levies of:			
Debits	1955	1954	1953	1952
Uncollected Head Taxes				
Dec. 31, 1954	\$	\$240.00	\$50.00	\$10.00
Head Taxes Committed to Collector	845.00			
Added Head Taxes				
Penalties Collected		17.50	.50	
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	\$845.00	\$257.50	\$50.50	\$10.00
Credits				
Remittances to Treasurer:				
A/c Head Taxes	\$600.00	\$180.00	\$ 5.00	\$
A/c Penalties		17.50	.50	
Abatements	20.00	15.00	10.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes				
Dec. 31, 1955	225.00	45.00	35.00	10.00
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	\$845.00	\$257.50	\$50.50	\$10.00

EXHIBIT D

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Summary of Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle Permits

and Dog License Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Debits

Cash on Hand—December 31, 1954		\$ 24.96
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:		
1954—#273801—273802	\$ 5.97	
1955—#21451 —21650	1,630.15	
#284801—284812	48.97	
	<hr/>	1,685.09

Dog Licenses Issued:

39 @ \$2.00	\$ 78.00
4 @ 5.00	20.00
1 kennel	25.00
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	\$ 123.00

Less: Fees Retained:

42 @ \$.20	8.40	
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	\$ 114.60	
Penalties Collected	1.00	
	<hr/>	115.60
Filing Fees		12.00
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		\$1,837.65

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:

A/c Motor Vehicle Permits	\$1,709.03
A/c Dog Licenses & Penalties	115.60
A/c Filing Fees	12.00
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	\$1,836.63
Cash on Hand—December 31, 1955:	
A/c Motor Vehicle Permits	1.02
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	\$1,837.65

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
Summary of Trust Fund Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

Principal		Income				
Fund	Balance December 31, 1954 & 1955	Balance December 31, 1954	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance December 31, 1955	Balance of Principal & Income December 31, 1955
Cemetery Funds:						
Emerson Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 336.88	\$19.38	\$10.00	\$ 346.26	\$ 646.26
John Batchelder Estate Fund	500.00	129.45			129.45	629.45
Bridgewater Old Home Cemetery Association	500.00	601.98	33.47	30.00	605.45	1,105.45
Webster-Cross Fund	160.19	4.60			4.60	164.79
Whittemore Point Fund	500.00	491.94	44.74	36.00	500.68	1,000.68
	<u>\$1,960.19</u>	<u>\$1,564.85</u>	<u>\$97.59</u>	<u>\$76.00</u>	<u>\$1,586.44</u>	<u>\$3,546.63</u>
Investments						
New Hampshire Savings Bank						\$2,752.39
Amoskeag Savings Bank						629.45
Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank						164.79
						<u>\$3,546.63</u>

EXHIBIT F

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Town Officers' Surety Bonds

1955

	Number	Amount	Term Beginning
Town Clerk:			
Elizabeth Pollard American Fidelity Co.		\$2,000.00	March 8, 1955
Tax Collector:			
Edward G. Mellus American Fidelity Co.		\$4,600.00	March 8, 1955
Town Treasurer:			
Claire Mellus American Fidelity Co.	778211	\$6,000.00	March 8, 1955
Road Agent:			
John L. Jenness American Fidelity Co.		\$2,000.00	March 8, 1955
Agent for Snow Removal:			
John L. Jenness American Fidelity Co.		\$2,000.00	March 8, 1955
Trustees of Trust Funds:			
Francis Clement Century Indemnity Co.	S-324622	\$1,000.00	March 9, 1954
Harry Smith American Fidelity Co.		\$1,000.00	March 8, 1955
Josephine Fletcher Century Indemnity Co.	S-301374	\$1,000.00	March 10, 1953

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officers' Salaries

Hollis L. Pollard, Selectman	\$ 150.00
Lester H. Gale, Selectman	150.00
Ora P. Morrill, Chairman of Selectmen	350.00
Edward G. Mellus, Collector	371.52
Elizabeth P. Pollard, Clerk	50.00
Claire A. Mellus, Treasurer	50.00
Delmore A. Bucklin, Police	25.00

\$1,146.52

Town Officers' Expenses

Delmore Bucklin, Expenses	\$ 8.80
Enterprise Press, Notices	2.00
Brown and Saltmarsh, Supplies	11.21
Record Print, Notices	2.00
Enterprise Press, Notices	2.50
Journal Transcript, Town Reports	306.80
N. H. Assessors' Ass'n., Dues	3.00
Jane Cook, Supervisors' Expense	3.64
Wheeler and Clark, Supplies	3.78
F. J. Shores, Transfers	21.48
Robert Erickson, Supervisors' Expense	1.40
Anna Proctor, Transfer Names	.10
Enterprise Press, Notices	1.00
Ida Horner, Dues Tax Collector Ass'n.	3.00
State Tax Commission, Audit	65.06
Brown and Saltmarsh, Supplies	20.77
John C. Ray, T. O. Bonds	63.40
Fred H. Brown, Adding Machine	117.00
Record Print, Notices	3.75
Enterprise Press, Notices	8.00
Brown and Saltmarsh, Cash Book	5.85
Charles R. Hardy, Treas. N. H. City and Town Clerks Ass'n. Dues	2.00
Branham Publishing Co., Auto Reference Book	4.00
Brown and Saltmarsh, Dog tags	4.73
Edward Mellus, Expense	5.00
Ora P. Morrill, Expense	48.33
Hollis Pollard, Expense	34.33

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXP. (Continued)

Elizabeth Pollard, Expense	9.00
Claire Mellus, Expense	3.00
Elmer Wiser, Supervisor's Expense	4.32
Jane Cook, Supervisor's Expense	.20
Lester Gale, Expense	15.00
Bristol Bank, Service charge	.88
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	\$ 785.33
Election and Registration	
Record Print, Printing notices	\$ 2.50
Enterprise Press, Printing notices	11.50
Jane Cook, Supervisor	11.50
Robert Erickson, Supervisor	11.00
Enterprise Press, Check lists	18.00
Elmer Wiser, Supervisor	17.00
Jane Cook, Supervisor	7.00
Geneva Fogg, Ballot clerk	5.00
Pasquaney Grange, Grange Hall Rent	13.00
Ethel Young, Ballot clerk	5.00
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	\$ 101.50
Town Hall	
N. H. Electric Coop. Inc., Lights	\$ 24.00
Town Dump	
Delmore Bucklin, Kerosene	\$ 2.30
Nathan Morrison, Bulldozing and Sand	275.00
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	\$ 277.30
T. R. A.	
State of N. H.	\$ 351.09
Ira Morrill, Labor	37.00
State of N. H., Cement pipe	46.40
State of N. H., Overdraft	134.59
F. J. Shores	2.03
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	\$ 571.11
Compensation Insurance	
John C. Ray	\$ 113.24

REPORT OF JOHN L. JENNESS, Road Agent

Summer Roads

John L. Jenness, labor and truck	\$1,710.00
Robert Cass, labor	651.90
Ira Morrill, labor	448.60
Maurice Jenness, labor	142.80
Max Jenness, labor	152.80
Garry Gilpatric, labor	26.40
Robert Pollard, labor	26.80
Mitchell Jenness, labor	93.80
Victor Morrill, labor	30.90
A. L. Downing, shovel	51.00
Fred Hussey, gravel	29.80
E. E. Atwood, plank	44.85
Harry Smith, labor	16.00
H. J. Follansbee, tools	19.40
New England Metal, culverts	112.96
S. E. Ambrose & Son, compressor and dynamite	67.45
Wendal Lougee, tractor	32.50
W. H. Beckley, labor	14.00
Charles Gould, welding	10.96
Rands, tools	9.59
Chase Grain, culverts	146.48
Ober & Son, gas, etc.	159.00
Tilton Sand & Gravel, cold patch	87.76
Kibby Equipment, parts for Huber	101.62
Nathan Morrison, bulldozer and sand	114.70
Delmore Bucklin, gas	14.27
New England Telephone Co., calls to Vermont	1.80
Eisenhower's, stone pickers	4.25
American Express	7.57
A. E. Esty	9.25
Jones Auto	5.00
Bartlett Auto	.81
John C. Ray, Insurance	57.85
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	\$4,402.87

ROAD AGENTS REPORT (Continued)**Winter Roads**

John L. Jenness, labor and truck	\$ 887.00
John L. Jenness, White truck	448.00
Maurice Jenness, labor	426.60
Robert Cass, labor	215.00
Victor Morrill, labor	152.40
Rodney Jenness, labor	12.00
Max Jenness, labor	12.00
Ira Morrill, labor	57.50
David Dickinson, Jr., labor	39.10
Mitchell Jenness, labor	10.00
N. H. Explosives, Pump kit and ram	122.50
Columbian Steel Co., bolts, plow blades	292.51
Chase Grain, salt	83.85
Bartlett Auto	32.25
Delmore Bucklin, gas	44.62
Evans Welding Service	59.53
Charles Gould, welding	10.25
Sanel, hose	12.78
H. J. Follansbee	3.89
Jones Auto	1.06
Rands	2.44
Ober & Sons, gas	23.73
Penn Hampshire, oil	5.50
Harry Cass	8.00
Central Petroleum Co.	22.33
Hazelton, plow blades	21.50
Town of Hebron, plowing Hunt road	60.00
John E. Marsh, Insurance on snow plow	32.30
Total	<hr/> \$3,098.64

LIBRARY REPORT

Turnpike Station:

Jan. 1, 1955 — Books on hand	398	
Books purchased for 1954	43	
Books purchased for 1955	32	
Gifts during the year	16	
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Books borrowed from Bookmobile	269	
Books borrowed from State Library	16	
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Total books available		<hr/> 774
Books loaned:		
Adults	265	
Children	183	
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Total	448	

It gives me pleasure to submit the following library report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1955:

The trustees met on April 2 of this year, fifty-four years to the same day of the first organized meeting. We elected officers as follows: chairman, Elizabeth Torsey; treasurer, Alice B. Dickinson, and secretary, Gertrude M. Bucklin. The State Public Library report for 1954 was filled out. Fines and magazine subscriptions were discussed. Agreed to meet annually on Saturday nearest this date.

As recommended at last year's town meeting, the Hill Station has been closed and the 356 books are in storage at Mrs. Dickinson's. The two remaining stations have exchanged books twice, thus making more titles available to each side.

In order to give better service we are, with the assistance of an extension librarian, Mr. Riley, in the process of eliminating obsolete titles which we are in the hopes

of having completed by another year. In the near future we hope to have a complete file of book titles available from these stations.

The River Road Station has paid particular attention to purchasing books needed by school pupils for book reports, and also books of permanent reference value, such as the Columbia Encyclopedia, Audel's new Automobile Guide for Mechanics and Servicemen, the new revised version of the Bible, and the National Geographic Magazine book on American Indians. The Everett Atwood Memorial gift includes the four following authoritative reference works: Trees and Shrubs of New Hampshire, Knowing Your Trees, An Introduction to Trees, American Resources: Their Management and Conservation.

Books of permanent value were also added at the Turnpike Station such as: 1,000-page book of Birds of America, American Woman's Cookbook, The Complete Garden Handbook, The Book of Arts and Crafts; and for the children, The Civil War and Bible Story of Noah's Ark. With additional summer and local patrons, the circulation at this station remains steady.

In closing we wish to draw your attention to the fact that many towns increased last year's appropriation and that our quota per capita has been low in comparison with other towns in the past years; also the wholesalers we deal with are eliminating the 40% "used only" service completely, thus curbing more volumes. Good books are costing more. In voting your appropriation this year, please take in consideration these facts.

We solicit your comments, pro and con, on this type of report.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE M. BUCKLIN, Sec.

Annual Report River Road Station, Bridgewater Library

Books Loaned

Adult

Fiction	168
Non-Fiction	79
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	247

Juvenile

Fiction	141
Non-Fiction	15
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	156
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Total	403

Books Acquired

Purchased	20
Gifts	11
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Total	31

Exchanged with Turnpike Station

Total	10
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Borrowed from Bookmobile

Adult	147
Juvenile	116
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Total	263

Borrowed from State Library

Total	9
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Number of borrowers	42
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LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Balance Dec. 31, 1954	\$134.71	
Bank Interest	3.07	
Town Appropriation	100.00	
Gift to River Road Station	5.00	
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Total		\$242.78

Expenses

Books and Postage		
River Road Station	\$77.27	
Turnpike Station 1954	62.50	
Turnpike Station 1955	70.00	
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		\$209.77
Salaries		
River Road Station	\$10.00	
Turnpike Station	10.00	
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		20.00
Mileage	.48	.48
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Total		\$230.25
Balance Dec. 31, 1955		\$12.53

ALICE B. DICKINSON, Treas.

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1955

Whittemore Point Cemetery	\$1,000.68
Webster Cross Cemetery	164.79
Emerson Cemetery	646.26
Batchelder Legacy, Emerson Cemetery	629.45
Old Home Association Cemetery	1,105.45
Total	<hr/> \$3,546.63

Payments

Whittemore Point	\$ 36.00
Emerson	10.00
Old Home	30.00
Balance in Savings Bank	3,470.63
Total	<hr/> \$3,546.63

JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER

FRANCIS W. CLEMENT

HARRY W. SMITH

Trustees

OLD HOME WEEK

Cash on hand August 1, 1955	\$157.08
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Receipts

Sunday Collection	34.00
Thursday Sales Commissions	24.56
Thursday Evening	68.25
Donations	2.25
Interest, Oct. 1	2.36

Total	\$288.50
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Payments

Tuning piano	\$ 7.50
Printing	20.00
Sunday Service	14.00
Home Day Program	13.00
Supplies	35.48
Evening Orchestra	48.00
Evening Police	3.00
Balance in Plymouth Savings Bank	147.52

Total	\$288.50
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JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER

Treasurer

Report
of the
School District

School Directory

Edward G. Mellus	Moderator
Alice Dickinson	Treasurer
Gertrude Bucklin	Clerk
Edward G. Mellus	Auditor

School Board

Warren Sleeper	Term expires 1956
Nancy Gray	Term expires 1957
Catherine Drew	Term expires 1958

Teacher

Anna E. Moses	River Road
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Attendance Officer

Clara Jenness

Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Ellen F. Williams, R. N.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Bridgewater qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said district on the 6th day of March 1956, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$6000 to enlarge the River Road Schoolhouse by adding and equipping a second classroom; and to authorize the school board to issue notes or bonds, and to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds shall be issued including their sale and time and place of payment of principal and interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act of 1955, and any amendments thereto. (A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote is necessary

to carry this motion, and must be taken by actual count and so recorded by the clerk.)

10. If the above article is carried to see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4100 to be added to the regular budget to hire an extra teacher, to pay for other necessary operating expenses including insurance to cover the limit permitted by law, and to pay the principal and interest.

11. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2575 to send the pupils in grades 7 and 8 at the River Road School out of town to school for one year only.

12. To see if the school district will vote to authorize the school board to sell the Bridgewater Hill Schoolhouse.

13. To transact any other business which may come legally before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bridgewater this 10th day of February 1956.

WARREN SLEEPER

NANCY E. GRAY

CATHERINE H. DREW

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

WARREN SLEEPER

NANCY E. GRAY

CATHERINE H. DREW

School Board

I certify that on the Fifteenth day of February 1956, I posted a copy of the written warrant attested by the School Board of said district at the place of meeting within named and a like attested copy at River Road School and Town Clerk's Office, being a public place in said district.

WARREN SLEEPER

SS. February 15, 1956

Personally appeared the said Warren Sleeper and made oath the above certificate by him signed is true.

Before me

J. P. TURNBULL,

Justice of the Peace.

COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

Item	Expend. 1954-55	Budget 1955-56	Estimated Budget 1956-57
ADMINISTRATION:			
Salaries of district officers	\$102.00	\$124.00	\$124.00
Supt.'s salary (local share)	229.95	220.83	355.94
Tax for state wide supervision	116.00	104.00	112.00
Salaries of admin. personnel	110.25	121.00	167.50
Supplies and expenses	403.97	300.00	300.00
INSTRUCTION:			
Teachers' salaries	2,674.04	2,950.00	3,400.00
Books and other aids	92.08	150.00	125.00
Scholars' supplies	138.28	150.00	125.00
Supplies and other expenses	304.10	10.00	10.00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
Salary of janitor	31.72	25.00	175.00
Fuel or heat	168.31	160.00	200.00
Water, light, supplies & exp.	93.10	150.00	150.00
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
Repairs & replacements	38.91	50.00	600.00
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:			
Health supervision	104.75	116.55	154.94
Transportation of pupils	2,610.00	3,255.00	2,832.00
Tuition, high school	3,183.48	3,300.00	4,670.00
Tuition, elementary	1,807.88	4,200.00	1,625.00
Spec. activities & spec. funds	30.80		
FIXED CHARGES			
Retirement	218.79	210.00	270.00
Insurance, treas. bonds & exp.	80.94	20.00	115.00
Additions & improvements		3,000.00	
Land	200.00		
New equipment	29.13		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$12,768.48	\$18,616.38	\$15,511.38

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE

Estimated Balance	\$600.00
District Assessment	14,911.38
Total Appropriation	\$15,511.38

FINANCIAL REPORT

of

School Treasurer and School Board

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955

Treasurer's Report

Summary:

Cash on hand July 1, 1954		\$ 353.72
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	\$13,050.65	
Received from State, special milk program	15.48	
Received from all other sources	18.69	
Total Receipts		<hr/> \$13,084.82
Total amount available for Fiscal Year		\$13,438.54
Less School Board Orders paid		<hr/> 12,768.48
Balance on hand June 30, 1955		<hr/> \$ 670.06

ALICE B. DICKINSON, Treasurer

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Bridgewater of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

EDWARD G. MELLUS, Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

Receipts :	
From Selectmen, appropriation	\$13,050.65
From State, special milk program	15.48
From all other sources	18.69
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Total Receipts	\$13,084.82
Cash on hand June 30, 1954	353.72
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Grand Total	\$13,438.54

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Salaries of District Officers:

Catherine Drew, school board	\$25.00	
Nancy Gray, school board	18.75	
Warren Sleeper, school board	18.75	
Gertrude Bucklin, clerk, two years	6.00	
Alice Dickinson, treasurer	12.50	
Clara Jenness, truant officer & census	15.00	
Edward Mellus, auditor	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$102.00

Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union No. 4	\$229.95
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Expenses of Administration:

Supervisory Union No. 4, travel,	
clerk's salary, office exp., conv.	\$270.48
First National Bank, service charge	3.80
State Dept. of Education, handbooks	2.00
Paul E. Farnum, dues, N. H. State	
School Boards Association	10.00
Anna Moses, mileage	21.60
Catherine Drew, expenses	14.60
Nancy Gray, expenses	5.39
The Enterprise Press, notices	10.00
The Record Print, notices	11.60

Town of Bridgewater, printing town report	87.40	
F. J. Shores, Register of Deeds	2.03	
Brown & Saltmarsh, vouchers	12.47	
Maynard Batchelder, legal fees	57.92	
The College Bindery, bind. registers	7.00	
Alice Dickinson, expenses	4.23	
	<hr/>	\$520.52

Teachers' Salaries:

Helen Merrill	\$1,986.14	
Anna Moses	75.20	
Mrs. A. Lindley Lamont	11.00	
Director of Internal Revenue	353.70	
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	241.70	
	<hr/>	\$2,667.74

Textbooks:

Martin & Murray Co.	\$14.10	
L. W. Singer Co.	11.10	
American Book Co.	21.84	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	11.93	
The Macmillan Co.	6.41	
World Book Co.	26.70	
	<hr/>	\$92.08

Scholars' Supplies:

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$10.31	
C. B. Boyd	2.12	
Ginn & Co.	3.56	
Row, Peterson & Co.	11.10	
Silver Burdett Co.	7.71	
Cardigan Sport Store	2.45	
American Education Publications	14.50	
Milton Bradley Co.	23.57	
Supervisory Union No. 4	10.32	
L. W. Singer Co.	5.06	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	3.60	
Follett Publishing Co.	4.35	
Laidlaw Bros.	3.31	
Cascade Paper Co.	36.32	
	<hr/>	\$138.28

Other Expenses of Instruction:

Estelle Watts	\$271.20
Bristol School District, supplies	6.92

Supervisory Union No. 4, supplies	5.98	
Philip Spaulding, piano	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$304.10
Janitor's Salary:		
Alan Drew	\$25.00	
Martha Phinney	3.36	
Shirley Tucker	3.36	
	<hr/>	\$31.72
Fuel:		
Burness Swett		\$168.31
Water, Light & Janitor's Supplies:		
H. J. Follansbee Co.	\$3.03	
Albert P. Blake	23.36	
White River Paper Co.	8.95	
N. H. Electric Cooperative	57.76	
	<hr/>	\$93.10
Minor Repairs & Expenses:		
Albert P. Blake	\$36.00	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	2.91	
	<hr/>	\$38.91
Health Supervision:		
Supervisory Union No. 4,		
Nurse's salary	\$104.16	
C. B. Boyd, medical supplies	.59	
	<hr/>	\$104.75
Transportation of Pupils:		
Pearle Morrill	\$1,218.00	
Clara Jenness	1,392.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,610.00
Tuition, High School:		
Bristol School District	\$2,023.48	
Plymouth School District	1,160.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,183.48
Tuition, Elementary:		
Bristol School District	\$1,607.88	
Plymouth School District	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,807.88

Other Special Activities:	
Barney's Dairy—Milk	\$30.80
Tax for State-Wide Supervision:	
Alfred Cloues, treasurer	\$116.00
Insurance & Other Fixed Charges:	
John C. Ray	\$80.94
Land & New Buildings:	
Lawrence I. Drew, purchase of land	\$200.00
New Equipment:	
J. L. Hammett Co.	\$29.13
Retirement:	
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	\$197.78
Supervisory Union No. 4, Supt's & Nurse's retirement	21.01
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	\$218.79
Total expenditures	<hr/>
	\$12,768.48

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

WARREN SLEEPER

NANCY E. GRAY

CATHERINE H. DREW

School Board

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 1955-56

We wish again to emphasize the most serious shortage of teachers who are qualified through either training or successful experience, or both, and to quote material based on a study financed by the Ford Foundation for the Advancement of Education and written by Mr. Beardsley Ruml and Sidney C. Tickton, noted businessmen. The demand for teachers is great and will increase for years to come because: 1) The total number of births during the depression years was relatively very small (the present college age group); 2) 1954 produced the biggest crop of babies yet with over 4 million being born in comparison with less than 3 million in 1944; 3) In the next 10 years we will need to recruit **three** new teachers for every **two** now employed; 4) It would take half of all college graduates for each of the next 10 years to meet this demand; 5) We have now 9,200,000 pupils in the 14-17 age level but in 1965 there will be 14,200,000! The above constitute basic facts, the foundation of serious troubles, and can not be changed. These in themselves create a tremendous shortage of teachers, making a very restricted economic supply of a scarce commodity and resulting in an increasing market value of the same, higher salaries. Added to this shortage and increased demand due to increased number of pupils we have a rising salary level in the field of industries as shown below:

Average Wages 1953

Workers auto manufacturing	\$4,947.00
Coal mining	4,198.00
Electrical Machinery	3,956.00
Telephone operators N. Y. Tel. Co.	3,224.00
Teachers big city high schools	5,526.00
Teachers small city high schools	4,292.00
Teachers small city Elementary schools	3,682.00
Teachers small town Elementary schools	3,190.00

From this it can be seen that there is little incentive for a pupil to spend four years, or more, of his life, and a considerable capital investment in a vocation paying less than jobs in industry which pay as you learn. Earning over \$10,000 per year were 41% of the physicians and surgeons, 28% of the lawyers and judges, and 24.6% of the dentists, and .95% of the teachers.

Why does anyone enter the teaching profession today? What are these basic figures going to do to every salary paid any teacher in the years to come? No amount of

unfavorable publicity or unkind belittling thinking can change the demand for teachers caused by children already born and who will be educated during the next 20 years.

Much is being written about the poor quality of education of today and most of it implies great superiority of past educational systems. How did we get into such dire circumstances, if we are in them, when the situations of today are the results of a supposedly superior educational system of previous generations? Certain it is that those now in school and yet to go to school can not be blamed for circumstances due to their parents and grandparents. We are trying to blame the newly born for errors of our own, and past generations, which errors actually may not be very great anyway. Somehow or another the people of the United States past and present, (and future, I'm sure) have given an account of themselves unmatched, and universally envied. We might ask, "How good can we get?" The answer is, of course, "Better." That's the premise we work with, and always will, but to do so and keep some small degree of sanity requires a judicious omission of much that is being popularized at the moment. For instance, reading is taking a "panning" at the moment (it was history a few years ago and it will be either math or spelling in a year or so). Most of what is being written assumes that we know nothing about two things: 1) How to teach reading; 2) What results we are now getting.

Let's look briefly at results of nationally standardized tests given every year in Union No. 4. To avoid exact identification we will assume the grades taken to be fictitious although the figures used are basically correct. Twenty-four out of 35 in grade 6 scored above grade level in reading last April with the highest level above grade 10; 12 were at the 8th grade level or higher. In grade 5 fifteen out of 30 were above grade with 8 above grade 7. More of the same could be quoted based on recorded facts but let's reverse the figures and say that 15 out of 30 were below grade level, which is true. Popularly these are the ones that get into print! But let's go one step further and say that the abilities of the pupils in this grade vary from border line feeble-mindedness to high superiority, but none near the genius level. We are speaking here of those abilities necessary to acquire a high degree of reading ability or academic achievement. We

are not considering mechanical, social, artistic, musical, or any number of other abilities. In summary we can say that our results are as anyone acquainted with human beings knows deep down in his heart and secretly admits to his conscience: an average grade will test average in accomplishment with bright pupils achieving brilliantly and dull ones doing below a standardized level with exceptions both ways occasionally thrown in for good measure; a mathematical average, whether of business profits or grade achievements, is composed of all elements both good and bad. Schools have one great handicap from the viewpoint of achieving only top quality results: We can not give the "pink slip" to those not improving our product! We might add here, in view of some recent publicity nationally, that it takes a mighty smart youngster with exceptional ability in mathematics to become an engineer; just requiring all pupils to take four years of high school math is not going to automatically produce atomic scientists but will produce an amazingly large number of flunks in high school!

Some few years ago the "better" schools were de-emphasizing marks to such an extent that those of us who were still "old-fashioned" enough to cling to them were just not accepted as being quite normal! A recent article has been written stating that marks are very much in style, are perhaps being stressed too much not because of not being in step with modern trends but because so many scholarships are being offered putting a very high premium on marks and slighting those which may have other abilities equally important, or more so, than those necessary to achieve good grades. And so the educational pendulum swings in another arc! Past performance is still one of the best indexes we have to predict future success.

The last legislature increased state aid to needy school districts from \$900,000 to \$1,200,000 which when read one way is a 33% increase but when looked at from another angle is a mere \$300,000 hardly enough to build a high school for 150 pupils. When the tough educational problems facing us, and some are in Union No. 4, are carefully analyzed this is a very small amount of money when compared with what some of us believe will be eventually necessary to even partially meet our educational needs. Canaan received \$19,400 of state aid; Danbury \$8,143; Alexandria and Orange some few dollars

over \$1,000. The first two are significant amounts but are small when compared with present and future needs (particularly the latter). Even towns not receiving aid at present, and who may never under a formula based on need as measured at present, may well require significant amounts of aid to meet future needs including salary spirals. The local real estate tax should not be expected to meet all of these costs and the state with its different sources of tax money will be required to help more and more or the federal government will be **forced into educational fields** because of its biggest source of revenues, the individual income tax of which New England contributes a share far in excess of its population. We are now paying for federal projects benefiting other sections of the country and should not be too squeamish about getting more of it back here, at least for capital improvements for schools, flood control and like projects. We believe in local control of education, the least amount of state control, and no federal control, if possible, but, at present, we can not foresee the local unit being able to increase its contribution indefinitely, foresee the state as being reluctant to be financially realistic in its educational obligations, and only a hodgepodge of ideas at the national level. A state building aid bill was passed providing aid beginning with the school year of 1956-57 **provided funds become available**. This would pay up to 20% of outstanding debt for a current year of buildings approved by the Department of Education. It seems unwise to plan on receiving much from this source because it is too indefinite. This bill marks a step up in the right direction and we have hopes of its increasing in future years. Educational costs are bound to increase very materially in the years to come due **to the pressure of more children**, if for no other cause.

The River Road School now has a fine addition to house its new toilets and lavatories. Much credit should be given to all of those who aided in any way in this project but particular mention should be given to Mr. Bertram Forbes Sr. and Mr. Lawrence Drew who acted as co-chairmen, did the major part of the planning, working, supervising, and yankee bargaining to make all of this possible at a most reasonable figure. Most of their spare summer hours were spent on this project, and, I dare say, they would not want to make this an annual event! Below is a summary of the project.

Bertram Forbes Sr. and Lawrence Drew began work

on June 16 by tearing down the old 14' x 14' ell in order to better remove the old chemical toilets and to permit the building of a small basement, and better overall planning. The new addition of 14' x 18' continues the old roof line and would permit later additions without major changes. "Everything that was purchased for the new building was bought where the best trade could be made." The Merrimack Farmers Exchange and Rand's Hardware Store were very helpful in helping to secure the necessary items and in giving generous discounts. Mr. Forbes sold needed lumber at less than half price, Rand's donated the use of a pump, David Dickinson his cement mixer and ladders, Lawrence Drew a truck and a hot water tank.

Those working at the school from time to time included Wayne Terrill, Forest and Alan Drew, Billy, Dave and Dave Dickinson Sr., and Bertram Forbes Jr. Electrical work was done by Harleen Samaha of Plymouth, and plumbing, heating and carpentering by Bertram Forbes and Lawrence Drew.

"It was interesting to note that many people were interested in how we were getting along not only among the townspeople but many out of towners who have a similar problem in their towns.

"This enterprise is of course, minute in the scope of the world. However, we, who have done the work, feel that it is another expression of faith in the future, giving the present crop of children just a little better than we had in the schooldays we knew."

The last paragraph above expresses very well a bit of educational philosophy which is a driving force among those of us interested in school affairs no matter at what phase of education we work. With this philosophy working at all times the pupils will be the gainers even though we as adults may not agree as to exact details. This whole project has given us courage to tackle a problem or two in other towns which, at the moment, seem to have no solutions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY, Supt.

UNION No. 4 BUDGET
1954-55

District	Nurse	Travel	Office	Clerk	Conv.	Supt.	Travel	Total
Alexandria	\$89.60	\$56.00	\$22.22	\$94.85	\$5.42	\$197.83	\$54.20	\$520.12
Bridgewater	104.16	65.10	25.83	110.25	6.30	229.95	63.00	604.59
Bristol	634.72	396.70	157.69	673.05	38.46	1,403.79	384.60	3,689.01
Canaan	444.00	277.50	110.78	472.85	27.02	986.23	270.20	2,588.58
Danbury	127.04	79.40	31.65	135.10	7.72	281.78	77.20	739.89
Grafton	108.96	68.10	27.10	115.68	6.61	241.26	66.10	633.81
Groton			12.26	52.32	2.99	109.14	29.90	206.61
Hebron	72.80	45.50	17.88	76.30	4.36	159.14	43.60	419.58
Orange	18.72	11.70	4.59	19.60	1.12	40.88	11.20	107.81
Totals	\$1,600.00	\$1,000.00	\$410.00	\$1,750.00	\$100.00	\$3,650.00	\$1,000.00	\$9,510.00

GENERAL STATISTICS

Grade	Enrollment by Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1954-55	3	4	5	4	2	5	5	0	28
Dec. 23									
1955-56	6	4	6	4	3	3			26

	District Totals			
	Av. Attend.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Attend.
1954-55	28	2.4	30.4	92.2
Dec. 23				
1955-56	25.3	.4	25.7	98.5

Tuition Pupils		Grade
Bristol—Rate \$300 H. S.	\$185 Elem.	
Pupil		
Stephen Sleeper		1
Joyce Bailey		3
Harvey Fogg		3
Lawrence Fogg		4
Cecily Fowler		6
Brenda Morrill		6
Robert Brunt		7
Fred Martel		7
Esther Phinney		7
William Brunt		8
Patricia Boyd		8
Elaine Morgan		8
Lucy Phinney		8
Cora Doe		9
Paul Morrill		9
Marcia Fowler		10
Marjorie Martel		10
Virginia Morgan		11
Martha Phinney		11
Shirley Tucker		11
Plymouth—Rate \$305 H. S.	\$215.00 Elem.	
Sharon Tapply		4
Ellsworth Pickering		7
Guy Torsey		7
Stanley Torsey		7
Gail Lougee		8
Ann Marie Morin		8
Mitchell Jenness		11
Wayne Radcliff		11
William B. Dickinson		12

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1956-57

Open Sept. 5 (Wed.)	Close Dec. 21 (Friday)
Open Jan. 2	Close Feb. 15
Open Feb. 25	Close April 19
Open April 29	Close June 13

Days out: Oct. 12 (Friday); Nov. 22, 23; May 30, 31.

Close at 12:30 Nov. 21, Dec. 21.

Total number of days required by state board is 180 days including three for institutes and conventions and up to five for workshops.

Pupils must enter if six by September 30 and may enter if six by Jan. 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

BRIDGEWATER BUILDING FUND

. January 20, 1956

A. M. Rand's	\$122.73
Wendell S. Lougee	269.75
N. H. Electric Co-op.	35.10
Merrimac Farmers' Exchange	694.00
Bertram Forbes	420.93
Sears Roebuck & Co.	347.96
Careys	10.48
Greenwood Plumbing Co.	65.46
Freight Charge	3.57
Page Belting	12.96
Harleen Samaha	9.64
David Dickinson	62.50
Forest Drew	30.00
Lawrence Drew	417.00
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	\$2,502.08

PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

Plymouth, N. H.

January 16, 1956

Mr. Delmore Bucklin, Health Officer
Bridgewater
Bristol R.F.D.
N. H.

Dear Sir :

The following is a report of the activities carried on for your town by the N. H. Department of Health, Bureau Public Health Nursing, for the year 1955.

The children of the first and second grades were given the opportunity to have the Salk Polio Vaccine at clinics held in Plymouth in October and May. Seven children took advantage of this opportunity. Arrangements were made for transportation by the Local March of Dimes Chairman and the School Officials in cooperation with the Local School Nurse. Many thanks to all who helped make this program a success.

Many home calls have also been made in the town on babies, preschool children and mothers. Arrangements have been made for children to attend other clinics as necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS BARTON, R.N.,

Public Health Nurse

N. H. Department of Health
Plymouth, N. H.

Vital Statistics

Marriages—Town of Bridgewater Jan. 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955

Date	Place	Name of Persons	Age	Person Performing Ceremony
Apr. 9	Bristol	Albert Hall Googins Mary Bowler Chase	57 46	Rev. Louis Toppan Clergyman
Dec. 4	Plymouth	Walter Francis Clement Pauline May Plummer	33 22	Stanley M. Sprague Clergyman
Dec. 24	Hebron	Ellery Cecil Davis Elaine Betty Atwood	34 18	Eric W. Bascom Minister

Births—Town of Bridgewater Jan. 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955

Date	Name of Child	No. of Child	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Jan. 29	William Parson	3	Plymouth	Edward Lincoln Haskell	Dolores Inez Alden
Mar. 9	Dorothy Fan	8	Plymouth	William Brunt	Dorothy Hazel Baker
Apr. 11	David William	2	Franklin	Norman Knowles Machon	Edna Susan Graves
Apr. 19	Donna Marie	1	Plymouth	James Lenwood Alden	Elaine Betty Atwood
May 28	Beverly Lou	5	Plymouth	Creighton Reid Gray	Nancy Ellen Clement
June 2	George Brian	5	Bridgewater	Robert Peter Cass	Margaret Susanne Jenness
June 2	Brenda Danice	6	Bridgewater	Robert Peter Cass	Margaret Susanne Jenness
July 7	Wayne Thomas	2	Plymouth	George Otis Phinney	Martha Ruth Boynton
Aug. 27	Carolyn Blanche	11	Plymouth	Ellsworth Everett Pickering	Elvira Amelia Nudd
Nov. 14	Colleen Mildred	3	Plymouth	Maurice Arthur Jenness	Irene Luzan Beckley

Deaths—Town of Bridgewater Jan. 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955

Date	Persons Deceased	Age in Years	Cause of Death	Dr. Signing Certificate
Jan. 11	Charles Milton Fessenden	70	Leukemia	John C. Greenan, M. D.
Aug. 2	Lee Edward Horsman	58	Coronary thrombosis	Frank J. Kropp, M. D.
Aug. 20	Everett Edwin Atwood	72	Coronary thrombosis	Samuel Feiner, M. D.
Sept. 8	Evelyn Mary Morin	49	Coronary thrombosis	John F. Archibald, M. D.
Nov. 25	Alice May Wiser	71	Fracture right femur	Frederick D. McIver, M. D.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Vital Statistics are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELIZABETH P. POLLARD, Town Clerk.

